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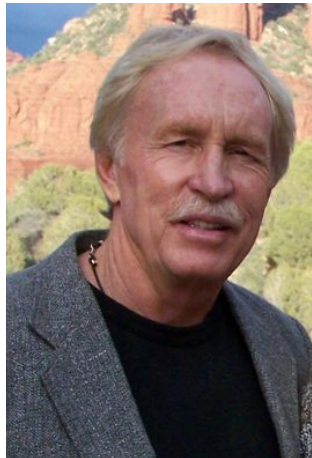
An Update from Mayor Rob Adams

Is anybody feeling a little testy lately? Is the sound of beep, beep, beep from heavy machinery resonating in your ears? Are the traffic backups making you frustrated and angry? Does the prospect of two more years of highway construction seem more than you can bear?

I live in the Broken Arrow subdivision and have had to add another 15 to 20 minutes to my schedule to get from my home to West Sedona. I thought that I was prepared for how the construction was going to impact my life. I was wrong. But my anger and frustration has turned to acceptance. I find myself turning up the volume on the radio, rolling down the window and using the extra time that it takes to arrive at my destination to enjoy the music, make phone calls and daydream about what Highway 179 will look like when the construction ends.

The problem at hand is how do we deal with the impact that the construction is having on our community? I have talked to a majority of the business owners in Sedona during the last seven months along with hundreds of residents. Some businesses are reporting in excess of a 50% decrease in income. The residents are reporting frustration at traffic delays. There are many suggestions on how we can more effectively keep the traffic moving. However, most citizens admit that the construction seems to be moving along in a timely fashion.

I strongly believe in the concept of making lemonade out of lemons. We need to see the opportunities in challenging circumstances and act on them. All the complaining in the world is not going to make things better. We need to draw together as a community at all levels. If you are in bumper to bumper traffic, be gracious and allow traffic to merge or turn in front of you at intersections. Be patient and yield to all construction



Mayor Rob Adams

traffic and personnel. Support your local businesses now, more than ever. Take your significant other out on a shopping trip. Explore the Sedona business corridor with friends and family that visit. Leave your aggressive behavior at home and enjoy the music.

I am starting to see a cooperative effort among the businesses that is very encouraging. Hard times bring out the best in many of us. The "Follow the Red Rock Road" campaign is an effort between Sedona Magazine, the Chamber of Commerce, the

City of Sedona, Sedona Main Street and private donations to create a marketing program that introduces some fun and levity to the challenges of the Hwy 179 construction. The First Friday Gallery Walk is bringing out many locals and tourists alike to the Uptown, Tlaquepaque and Hillside district, which benefits the galleries and other retail outlets. In May of this year, the Sedona Gallery District produced the "Hip Hop Hard Hat" road construction party featuring Street Jam, a progressive interactive dance troupe that moved from Tlaquepaque to Garlands/Hozho to Hillside and eventually ended in Uptown.

There is always a positive side to any challenge. I firmly believe that the citizens and merchants of Sedona will come together to meet the challenges of the Hwy 179 construction. There is a beautiful light at the end of this tunnel. Pedestrian sidewalks, bike paths, underground utilities, landscaping, public displays of art and a new bridge across Oak Creek are on the horizon. The gateway to Sedona will reflect the beauty of our surroundings. This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our creative community spirit to all those that visit us. So, roll down your window, turn up the music and put on a big smile. We are living in paradise.

Lighting Options for Hwy 89A in West Sedona

In early 2006, the City of Sedona and Sedona Citizens for Safety expressed a concern to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) regarding several fatal vehicle/pedestrian accidents along Highway 89A in West Sedona. In June 2006, ADOT presented the results of its Pedestrian Crossing Study to the City Council, recommending the installation of pedestrian warning signs and highway lighting, from approximately Airport Road to Dry Creek Road. A lighting project scoping analysis was initiated in early 2007 and in August ADOT presented a proposal to the Sedona City Council to install 76 streetlights along SR 89A.

At the August 2007 Council meeting, and at a subsequent meeting in September, Sedona citizens and Keep Sedona Beautiful members expressed their concerns and displeasure with the lighting proposal. They were worried the additional lighting would impinge upon the dark sky nature of the community, and the poles would detract from the aesthetics of the area. They were also skeptical that lighting alone would have any real improvement effect. Due to the significant negative response to the proposal, the Council requested the formation of an Advisory Panel to further study the problem and determine if there are other alternatives that could improve pedestrian and bicycle safety along 89A.

Through this panel, seventeen various short and longterm options were discussed, as well as the pros and cons associated with each possible option. In the order of a completion timeframe, the following options are considered more feasible in the short-term and are recommended by the panel:

1. Reduce the speed limit between Airport Road and Dry Creek Rd from 40 mph to 35 mph (with the assistance of “your speed is” radar warning signs).
2. Enforce all road user laws, including jaywalking, bicycle, and vehicles. Continue stepped-up enforcement.
3. Enforce dark sky ordinances and help bring businesses into compliance.
4. Educate residents and tourists about Sedona’s Dark Sky initiative and corresponding pedestrian/bicycle/motorist safety precautions.
5. Place notices (painted curbs or sidewalks) and/or barriers in strategic locations telling pedestrians to use crosswalks and to restrict mid-street crossing (with potential areas including locations near Coffee Pot Restaurant and Harkins Theater and New Frontiers and Olde Sedona Restaurant).
6. Conduct pedestrian crosswalk warrant analysis in the vicinities of near Marketplace west of Soldier Pass Road, Posse Grounds, near Tortilla Drive:

hotels/restaurants/Giant gas station. Request new businesses conduct pedestrian analysis.

The advisory panel also recommends the following longer-term options:

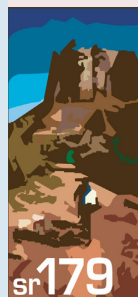
1. Install a traffic signal at Andante intersection, with associated crosswalks and lighting.
2. Implement photo speed enforcement cameras along the corridor with either mobile vans or fixed devices.
3. Modify the roadway to restripe and add bike lanes and include as part of the next programmed pavement preservation project.
4. Install raised medians that could serve as both traffic controls and barriers to residents crossing. Locations and design need to be studied for impact to business access and traffic flow.
5. Evaluate installing at least one pedestrian activated crosswalk and associated lighting at warranted locations (to be determined).
6. Install targeted street lighting at locations with highest levels of pedestrian/motorist crash activity (Harmony Drive to Madole Road) in combination with a comprehensive median/barrier system to be installed along the corridor that would be developed in conjunction with the character of the community.

Community-Based Services Program

The City of Sedona is accepting applications for the Community-Based Services Program. This program helps support non-profit service organizations that meet critical human needs of the Sedona community.

For funding eligibility, organizations must have 501(a) status. Service providers may apply for funding of new and/or existing programs that benefit City of Sedona residents and/or businesses. Evaluation of applications will be judged on whether the services are traditional local government supported services.

Application forms are available on the City’s website, www.SedonaAZ.gov or by contacting Andrea Costello, Assistant to the City Manager, at 203-5022 or acostello@SedonaAZ.gov. The deadline to return applications is Friday, June 23, by 5:00 p.m.



Want to Know about 179 Construction?

SR 179 Construction is underway within the City limits of Sedona. If you have questions about the project or would like to sign up for a weekly email update on progress, visit www.scenic179.com. If you need to speak to someone about the project, please contact Kristin with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT):

Kristin Darr-Bornstein
602-750-7139

Tentative Budget: Fiscal Year 2008-2009

The City's projected General Fund expenditures for the next fiscal year are \$13.2 million with expenditures across all funds totaling \$55,099,793. **The City of Sedona does not assess a property tax. Minimal property tax dollars are provided through the Counties to augment funding for drainage.**

Planned Programs & Projects for 2008-2009 Budget

In addition to the day-to-day operational functions performed by all City Departments, numerous capital projects are planned for the City of Sedona over the next fiscal year.

Projects and program changes listed below are highlights of several planned to enrich the quality of life for the Sedona community.

Police

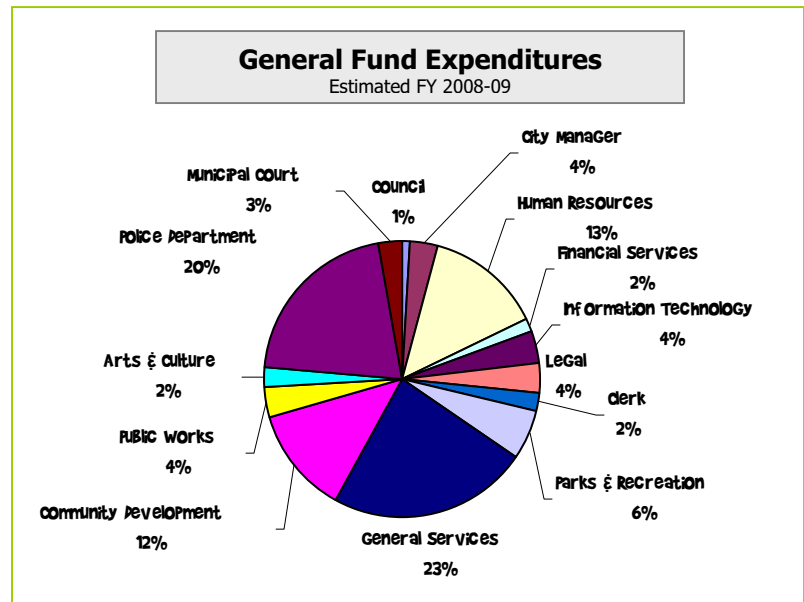
- ✓ Complete upgrades for in-car reporting
- ✓ Maintain Traffic Enforcement Program
- ✓ Increase focus on Community Policing

Wastewater

- ✓ Complete improvements to the three major wastewater pump stations
- ✓ Begin construction of the Chapel Sewer and Drainage Project

Parks & Recreation

- ✓ Remodel and upgrade water pressure for Posse Ground Field restrooms
- ✓ Increase maintenance programming for park facilities
- ✓ Extend the Pool Season



Public Works

- ✓ Begin construction of the Harmony/Windsong Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Addition of an environmental inspector to enforce the new storm drainage ordinance

Streets

- ✓ Maintain focus on weed management with non-toxic Methods
- ✓ Perform road rehabilitation for: Back O' Beyond Road, Back O' Beyond Circle, Fairview Heights Subdivision, Broken Arrow Heights Subdivision, Broken Arrow Subdivision (west of 179), Grasshopper Lane

City Manager's Proposed 2008-09 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan

This year's budget process addresses the upcoming fiscal year as well as provides an overview of possible expenditures for the next five years. The City Manager held two budget work sessions with the Mayor and City Council to review the 2008-09 Budget where departments shared information about new funding requests and changes to programming suggested for the upcoming budget year.

This budget and five year outlook proposes maintaining current levels of service with few increases in staffing and programming in order to maintain balance. In addition, an internal safeguard will be implemented to insure that if expenditures begin to exceed revenues, the Council will review the budget mid-year and make changes or utilize reserves as necessary.

Currently, the City funds all wastewater and capital infrastructure projects through our local sales tax. The City receives no funding from a local property tax. The FY 2008-09 budget does not propose a new tax in order to increase financial resources. It also does not propose any funding for new public safety positions or expansions of popular programs. The City Council set the budget cap for all funds at \$55,099,793 on May 27, 2008.

City of Sedona Moves Ahead on the Chapel Area Sewer Extension and Storm Drainage Projects

After years of design and planning, the Chapel Project is moving ahead, with a start of construction probable within the next three to six months.

The tax revenue bond sale approved by the City Council in October 2007 provides the majority of the funds for the work. The work extends the sewer system to the east and north from the Vista Bonita and Indian Cliffs area to the National Forest boundary on the east and south and Chapel Road on the north. This work does not include the area south of Indian Cliffs Road, properties on Indian Cliffs Road (this area has sewer), or the undeveloped area east of Lynx Drive and west of Chapel Vista Unit 2 Subdivision. Sewer capability will be available for future connections in these areas, resulting in sewer availability for almost all of the area south of Chapel Road and east of SR 179.

The storm drainage system will be expanded and improved on Vista Bonita, Badger, Antelope, and Lynx Drives, and expanded to convey storm drainage from the Cathedral Lane/Fox Trail area to the southwest. Details on the exact drainage improvements are currently in design. The storm drainage system is designed to convey a two-year or twenty-five year rain event to the southwest. The storm drainage system will improve the current situation in the Chapel Area, but not provide complete protection as the area was laid out prior to good drainage protection requirements and some homes have been constructed in floodplains.

Currently City staff and Tiffany Construction Company (TCI), the hired contractor, are working together to obtain the appropriate permits, finalize the design for the storm drainage extension, and identify and obtain required easements. TCI could start construction in Mid-Summer 2008, pending Council approval of the final contract. The work should take about 18 months, but the actual time has not been determined.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Cullen Hollister, Assistant Director of Public Works, at 204-7116 or chollister@SedonaAZ.gov.

Sedona Parks and Recreation Offers Road Trips for Teens

The City of Sedona Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to offer three Road Trips for teenagers. One Friday each month starting in June, the Parks and Recreation department will transport interested teenagers to three exciting locations for only \$30 per "Road Tripper". Participants must be within 13-18 years of age and a signed waiver by a parent/guardian is required.

June 27 – Paintball at Xtreme Pursuit! The bus will depart Posse Ground Park at 9:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. All equipment will be provided, just bring your energy! Participants will get to play as many games as they can within a four-hour time frame. A pizza lunch will also be included. **Registration deadline is Friday, June 20 at 4:00 p.m.**

July 11 – Water Park fun at Water World Safari! The bus will depart Posse Ground Park at 9:00 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Fee will include admission to the park as well as a hamburger lunch. Bring your own towel and sunscreen for a day of water slides and wave pool action. **Registration deadline is Thursday, July 3 at 4:00 p.m.**

August 1 – Cosmic Bowling and Johnny Rockets at Cliff Castle Casino! The bus will depart Posse Ground Park at 5:00 p.m. and return around 12:15 a.m. The Road Trip will begin with dinner at Johnny Rockets (soft drink, appetizer, hamburger), followed by three games of Cosmic bowling. Shoe rentals are included in the price. Bring your friends for some fun and laughs amongst the neon lights. **Registration deadline is Friday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m.**

Waiver information and details regarding each Road Trip may be found on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov, click on Departments, Parks and Recreation, and then look under related links "Road Trips". You may register at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 108 Roadrunner Drive at Sedona City Hall. For questions, please call Sedona Parks and Recreation at 282-7098 or 203-5011.



It is the mission of the Sedona Parks and Recreation Department to provide diverse year-round leisure opportunities through the preservation of open space, park settings, recreational facilities and programs for the citizens and visitors of Sedona today and future generations to come.

Athletic Activities for Children

Kwanmuzendokai-Japanese Martial Arts

Kicks, punches, blocks all done with control. Great exercise while learning self-control and discipline and gaining confidence.

Karate Tots: Jun 2 - Aug 2. Aug 4 - Oct 4. Mon/6PM & Sat/9AM. \$100.

Karate Youth: Jun 2 - Aug 2. Aug 4 - Oct 4. Mon&Wed/7PM &

Sat/10AM. \$140.

Punt/Pass/Kick

Children have the opportunity to test their football skills by competing in three challenges. Score in the top of your age group and move on to compete with children across the state.

Sept 4, 5:30PM at Posse Grounds Park. Free.

Grasshopper Basketball 1st -4th Grade

Learn the skills involved in basketball while playing with girls and boys in a low pressure, high-energy environment. Games once a week. Volunteer coaches will be needed!

Nov 11 - Jan 24, Sat Games 9AM. \$35.

Athletic Activities for Adults

Kwanmuzendokai-Japanese Martial Arts

It's never too late to improve your self-confidence through martial arts. Learn important self-defense skills and work out at the same time.

Jun 2 - Aug 2. Aug 4 - Oct 4. Mon&Wed/8PM & Sat/10AM. \$140.

Men's and Coed Softball Leagues

Get together your team of 12 or drop in and get added to a team. Lots of low-pressure fun. Leisure/Competitive format. ASA sanctioned.

Summer Men: Jun 17 - Aug 26. Tue 7PM & 8:15PM.

Summer Coed: Jun 19 - Aug 28. Thur 7PM & 8:15PM.

Fall Men: Sept 2 - Nov 11. Tue 7PM & 8:15PM.

Fall Coed: Sept 4 - Nov 13. Thur 7PM & 8:15PM.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

This non-impact exercise and stretching program will help improve mobility, increase flexibility and enhance range of motion. Please bring your own exercise mat.

Jun 16 - Aug 13, Mon & Wed 11AM - 12PM. \$60.

Adult Flag Football

All the fun of football without all the Band-Aids! Create your own team of six or drop in to be added to a team. This program will be contingent upon volunteers for referees.

Sept 21 - Nov 23. Sun/9AM. \$100.

Adult Activities Cont...

Open Gym for Adult Volleyball and Basketball

Drop in for some fun volleyball or basketball. New teams arranged every night depending on who shows! We will be back in the gym starting Aug 19.

Tue & Thur / 7PM - 9PM at West Sedona School. \$2.

Non-Athletic Activities and Special Events

Beautyworks & Poise For Pre-Teens

Two classes for ages 12-18 and 6-11. Learn about posture, poise, etiquette, table manners and modeling. Call instructor for dates and times and to reserve a spot. Instructor Lorie Bassett @ 649-1685. \$55 and \$65 depending on class.

Session One: Jun 16-Jun 27. Session Two: Jul 7- Jul 11. Session Three: Jul 21-Aug 1.

Story Telling Theatre

Adults join together to discuss stories from their lives. A unique way to neutralize and complete your stories yet unfinished.

Classes ongoing. Tue 7PM. \$10.

Language Classes

Japanese and Spanish language classes. Call and let us know if you are interested in learning one or both of these languages. If we have enough interested parties we will start classes in July. Dates and times to be announced.

Walk-A-Hound Lose-A-Pound

Fun for the whole family including your dogs! Walk with fellow dog lovers to support pet adoptions. Don't have your own dog? Adopt a Humane Society dog. Distance and location to be announced. Fee includes a t-shirt!

Oct 11 @ 10AM. \$20 for pre-registering, \$25 the day of.

Pumpkin Splash

Pick a pumpkin at the pool. Join us for this aquatic spin on a pumpkin patch. Fun water games!

Oct 18 @ 2PM. \$2 entry includes one pumpkin.

Red Cross Classes

The City of Sedona works in conjunction with Instructor Erin Estes to provide a variety of Red Cross Classes. Lifeguarding, CPR, AED, Babysitting and many more. Please contact the instructor for a complete list of classes so that you may find one right for you. 202-8125 or estesES@peoplepc.com.

Athletic events are held at Posse Ground Park. Volleyball and Basketball are held in the gymnasium of West Sedona School. Kwanmuzendokai, Beautyworks, Poise for Pre-Teens, and Story Telling Theatre are held in the recreation building at Posse Ground Park by the playground and soccer field. Arthritis class is held in Parks and Recreation office at 102 Roadrunner Dr., Bldg 108.



Come join us for the activities that the Sedona Community Pool has to offer. Pool summer schedule runs from May 24th - August 10th. The pool is also available for after-hours rental. It's located at Posse Ground Park behind West Sedona School. For more information call 282-0112.

Pool Activities and Classes

Swordfish Swim Team

Youth Competitive Swim Team. Contact swim coach Erin Estes if your child is interested in participating. **202-8125**.

Water Aerobics

Get a great cardiovascular workout while keeping cool in the pool. Water Aerobics is easily adaptable to different fitness levels. If you haven't tried it yet, make this summer your first! Classes are held in chest high water except for the Friday deep-water class. **\$5 per class or \$60 monthly pass.**

Lap Swim

Seven days a week adults can enjoy swimming laps at the community pool. Amount of lane space varies so please reference the below pool schedule. Circle swimming may be necessary depending on the amount of swimmers. **\$2 seniors, \$3 adults.**

Birthday Parties

Let us host your birthday party. Designed for 8 children and 2 adults. Two hours of fun at the pool. We provide the decorations (3 themes to choose from), organized games with the lifeguards and goody bags for the children. Reserve a spot. **\$115 per party.**

Masters Swim Team

Monday evenings join the masters swim team. Coach on deck to provide instruction on stroke drills that will help you improve your stroke technique thereby increasing your swimming strength and comfort level. **\$2 seniors, \$3 adults plus \$5 for the swim coach.**

Recreation Swimming

Now is the time to play! Seven days a week children and adults are welcome to come enjoy the pool. The deep end has a water slide and the shallow end is available for smaller swimmers. Children unable to swim must be accompanied by a person 16 yrs or older. Children must be able to swim one length of the pool in order to go into the deep end. For safety purposes no floatation toys are allowed in the pool. **\$2 children, \$3 adults. Summer passes are also available and may be used for lap swim as well as recreation swim. \$90 seniors/children, \$140 adults.**

Swim Lessons

From 6 months old to 100 years old, let our certified instructors teach you how to swim. Five sessions of swim lessons will be offered this summer. Each session consists of eight classes Mon-Thur, each 30 minutes in duration. Private lessons are available. **Group class \$35, Private lesson \$15 per half hour.**

Swim Lessons: Session Three 6/30-7/10. Register 6/27 @ 12pm. Session Four 7/14-7/24. Register 7/11@12pm. No evening lessons for session four. Session Five: 7/28-8/7. Register 7/25 @ 12pm. All registration is taken at the pool. No early registration is allowed. Cash or checks only. Swim lessons will be cancelled if thunder or lightening is spotted in the area. **Lessons will not be refunded.** Parents will not be allowed on the pool deck during swim lessons.

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7am		swim team	swim team	swim team	swim team	swim team	
8		Swordfish-Youth Competitive Swim Team (7am-9am)					
9		aerobics	aerobics	aerobics	aerobics	aerobics-deep water	aerobics
10	lap swim (9am-11am)	swim lessons Three 30 minute sessions from (10am-11:30am)	swim lessons	swim lessons	swim lessons	lap swim/ private lessons	lap swim/ private lessons
11	Rec Swim (11:30-3:30)	lap swim	lap swim	lap swim	lap swim		Rec Swim (11-3:30)
11:30 AM		Lap swim during lunch hour (11:30am-1pm)					
12 noon							
1		Rec Swim	Rec Swim	Rec Swim	Rec Swim	Rec Swim	
2		Come play in the water from (1pm-3:30pm)					
3							
3:30							
4		swim team	swim team	swim team	swim team	swim team	
5	Rent the Pool	swim lessons Two 30 minute sessions from (5pm-6pm)					Rent the Pool
6		masters swim (6pm-8pm)	aerobics/ lap swim	aerobics/ lap swim	aerobics/ lap swim	lap swim (6pm-8pm)	
7		2 lanes for lap swim until 7pm, then 4 lanes available					
8							
6							

Are Form-Based Codes in Sedona's Future?

Since January of this year, City staff, Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council have listened to presentations and attended workshops and courses on Form-Based Codes to better understand how they can be applied to ensure that future development occurs in a more predictable way.

So, what is a Form-based Code and why would we want or need a Form-Based Code in Sedona?

Like the vast majority of cities and towns in Arizona and across the nation, the City of Sedona regulates development with rules or standards that are tied to zones on a zoning map. Each zone has its own standards that regulate things like land use, building height, the maximum area of a property that can be built on, how far away from a property line a building must be placed and other basic rules. When a property owner brings in a plan for a new development, the review and approval process is based on whether the new development is following the basic regulations that are spelled out in that zone.

One of the key problems with this approach is that because the regulations are tied to zones, they are the same regulations in one part of the City as they are in the same zone across town. This means that as long as a proposed development meets the basic rules, it is not possible to predict exactly how buildings, parking and other features on a site will occur. The other related and perhaps more serious problem is that it is not possible to predict how development on one site will relate to development on another site. This review and approval process is therefore always reactive.

Form-Based Codes offer a solution to these problems. Within the area to be covered by a Form-Based Code, a very specific plan is first prepared. This plan is created through a collaborative process involving property owners, stakeholders, City and the community at large. Once the plan is prepared, very specific regulations are created that apply to the properties within the area. Since this happens up front, the City is no longer reacting to new development since the key planning has already been done. Form-Based Code regulations are also specific to location and are graphically displayed so new development on a particular site will now relate to development on other sites within the area. With a Form-Based Code it is now also possible to predict exactly where development will occur on a site.

While the concept is fairly simple, there are many details behind the development of a Form-Based Code and the City is continuing to work through these and become more educated on this exciting potential new tool in the preparation of an Economic Sustainability and Re-development Strategy for the City.

Uptown Parking Program

Since August 2006, parking ambassadors from Parking Research & Solutions have served the City by working in Uptown Sedona. The ambassadors gather parking use statistics for parking spaces on the street as well as those in public and private parking lots. They also direct visitors to available parking areas helping alleviate the traffic congestion and assisting tourists in finding shops in Uptown. Additionally, the parking ambassadors direct visitors to both the Sedona Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center and the RoadRunner.

In April 2007, the City of Sedona passed a resolution for 3-hour Parking Time Restrictions in Uptown. This included restrictions along Highway 89A and in some private parking lots where spaces are designated for public use through agreements with the property owners. The appropriate signage has been erected. Since July 2007, those in violation of the 3-hour parking limit have only been given warnings.

The Sedona Police Department took over the Uptown parking program with the hiring of two new part-time employees in mid-May. These police department employees, Traffic Service Representatives, will go through a training period and will be serving in much the same capacity as the parking ambassadors. However, one big difference between the two jobs exists. In addition to issuing parking warnings, the new Traffic Service Representatives will have the authority to issue citations to not only those who violate the 3-hour parking limit but also those who commit other parking violations.

The Traffic Service Representatives will assist and direct tourists to appropriate parking areas. They will also monitor the loading and unloading zones to ensure these zones are utilized correctly. The Traffic Service Representatives will also compliment our traffic officers in the Uptown area by assisting with traffic control for an accident scene and/or directing traffic at intersections during a power outage. The Traffic Service Representatives' role is to make a positive impact on the traffic flow of the Uptown area as they continue to serve as a resource to visitors, the Uptown merchants and the Chamber of Commerce for public parking information and public transit.

Sedona Mediation Services for Dialogue and Dispute Resolution

Are you involved in a dispute with a neighbor, business, family member, landlord, educator, church leader, or anyone else in our community? Would you like to work it out without walking away or relying on a lawyer or judge? Sedona Mediation Services (SMS), sponsored by the City of Sedona, offers an informal, efficient way to address disagreements.

A mediator is a neutral third party who helps people in a dispute work together to reach a mutually acceptable agreement. Mediators do not give legal or professional advice, determine who's right and wrong, or impose a decision. Instead, they help the parties address their differences in a confidential, impartial, and respectful way. Everyone is heard, issues are clarified, options are identified, and usually an agreement is negotiated. Mediation usually takes less than two hours and is free to Sedona residents.

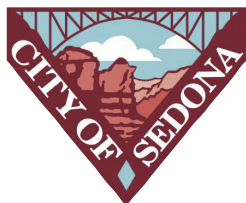
Mediators are trained, experienced professionals who volunteer to help bridge differences among individuals, within groups, and between organizations in our community. They also can provide a talk or workshop to a group that wishes to increase members' skills in communication and conflict resolution. And, they are available to facilitate a meeting or retreat that fosters dialogue and guides collaborative decision-making.

If you want help resolving a conflict or improving your group's communication, or if you wish to be a volunteer with SMS, please call the City Manager's Office at 204-7127 or visit our website at www.SedonaAZ.gov/mediation.

4th of July Celebration at Posse Ground Park

Come celebrate July 4th in the Park! An Independence Day Community Picnic/Concert at Barbara's Park will be held on Friday, July 4 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Barbara's Park (the stage is next to the skateboard park on Posse Ground Road) in Posse Ground Park. Everyone is invited to pack a picnic, chairs, blankets, and shade umbrellas to enjoy an evening of patriotic music.

Please remember that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the Park and dogs must be on leashes only. The Verde Valley Community Band and the Dixieland Sextet from the Verde Valley and Prescott will be performing. We hope to see you there.



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The City Council is here to listen and serve you!

City Council Meeting Times

Regular City Council meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. Work sessions are held as needed with a start time of 5:30 p.m.

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